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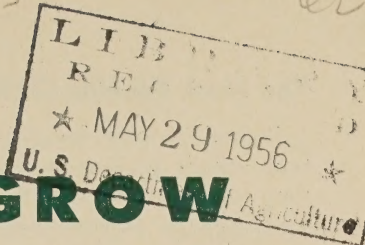
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# CYMBIDIUM ORCHIDS



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*“Orchids of Quality and Distinction”*

## The Most Popular Orchid

During the past few years Cymbidium Orchids have been rapidly growing in popularity, not only as a corsage item much in demand by Florists throughout the world and by Garden lovers here in Southern California and elsewhere—but also by growers of fine flowers everywhere. These attractive plants bloom during the winter and early spring months when other flowers are at a minimum and their long lasting qualities are unexcelled. Coming in a wide range of colors including white, pink, rose, ivory, yellow, bronze and many shades of chartreuse and green and with their upright or arching spikes carrying up to twenty or even thirty or more large flowers on a stem, these hardy orchids are winning prizes and new friends daily. For the commercial flower grower the winter through spring blooming period, plus high flower production, wide color range and extreme long lasting characteristics makes Cymbidiums most attractive for either large or small scale production.

## Cymbidiums Are Easy To Grow

Have you ever grown Fuchsias, Tuberous Begonias, Camellias or Azaleas? . . . Then you can grow Cymbidiums. Yes, it's true, once their simple requirements are understood, Cymbidiums are indeed **easy to grow** and they require no special facilities or skill in their culture. A considerable number of early plantings of these beautiful orchids here in Southern California were under oak trees, and many of these original plants with no special care grew to enormous size, with individual plants often producing several hundred flowers each season.

## Where To Grow Them

The average lath house makes a good growing location as well as the area under trees which admit plenty of light. Cymbidiums should not have full sun, however, they must have lots of light in order to flower freely. They can of course be grown in a glasshouse where a cool night temperature is very satisfactory. The plants themselves may be grown in pots or in prepared beds in the ground. Either method is satisfactory and of course plants in beds require less attention in regard to watering. The beds should have good drainage and have lots of redwood shavings, fibre, or similar material mixed into the soil. For pot culture, a good mixture is as follows:

6 parts pine bark	1 part peat
3 parts redwood shavings	2 parts sandy silt or loam

Add Gypsum and Dolomite and 4 oz. Gaviota Orchid Food per 2½ cu. ft. of the above compost.

Those who prefer to use leaf mold or garden compost in the potting media, add 2 to 4 parts with the above suggested mixture.

Pot grown plants benefit by repotting every two to three years.

## **Watering**

A safe method to follow in watering Cymbidiums is as follows: whenever plants are watered, give them a thorough soaking and do not water until the growing media is barely moist. Of course, growing plants require more water during the summer months and Cymbidiums are no exception, but the roots should not be kept constantly soaked.

## **Temperatures**

Cymbidiums have demonstrated their ability to grow and thrive in many localities and under widely different conditions of heat and cold. During hot dry weather a little extra humidity can be provided by an occasional light sprinkling on the foliage. In the other direction, Cymbidiums will tolerate several degrees of frost. When grown under glass, the minimum temperatures should be 50 to 58° and the maximum temperatures preferably below 95°. Grown outdoors, cymbidiums will stand temperatures as low as 28 to 30° F.

## **Fertilizing**

We recommend regular feeding with a balanced fertilizer such as Gaviota Orchid Fertilizer. From October through February, feed once each month, then each ten days or two weeks the rest of the year. With potting composts containing moderately high quantities of garden loam, leaf mold, etc., feed as directed on container.

## **Pests**

Cymbidiums are not bothered by many pests and the usual precautions and corrective measures applied to other evergreen plants are usually satisfactory.

## **Prices Are Reasonable**

From the foregoing, it will readily be seen that these exotic Orchids are not difficult to grow, in fact they require less actual attention than many varieties of plants commonly grown around the home or in the garden, and **prices are reasonable**. While it is true that the prize winning varieties, certain scarce types and proven plants used for breeding are more expensive, the great majority of Cymbidium plants are now available at Sherman Orchid Gardens at prices within the reach of everyone.



## **How To Buy Plants**

Mature plants may be selected at the Nursery in flower or we will be glad to recommend individual plants or groups of plants in various types and colors in price ranges to suit individual requirements, and no one should overlook the opportunity to acquire (at very nominal cost) prize winners of the future by acquiring a group of seedlings from the fine selection which we are now offering. The parents are the finest, the colors offer a complete range and the prices are most reasonable.

## **Mature Cymbidiums**

**Many varieties and colors . . . from \$5.50**

## **Cymbidium Seedlings**

Sherman Orchid Gardens is one of the largest growers of fine Cymbidium seedlings in America and these healthy young plants, produced from the finest selected and proven parents are available in various sizes at most reasonable prices. If you have not received our latest descriptive seedling list, drop us a card and a copy will be mailed without cost or obligation. Mail orders will be filled promptly or you may make your own selections at the Nursery.

## **Prize Winning and Stud Varieties**

Our stock of top quality Cymbidiums is well known to those who have visited the Nursery, and many fine exhibition and stud varieties are available for the discriminating Orchid fancier and for the hybridizer. Among these are varieties which have won the highest awards wherever fine orchids have been exhibited, and whose progeny are setting new standards and winning new honors today.

Many of these world famous plants can be seen in bloom during the flowering season and you are cordially invited to visit the Nursery when in our vicinity.

We invite your inquiry for specific varieties or types, either for exhibition or stud varieties. We will also be glad to suggest individual plants or groups in any requested price range.

## **Cymbidium Back Bulbs**

Back bulbs offer another satisfactory method of increasing or upgrading cymbidium stock. We have cymbidium back bulbs available at special low prices throughout the year. Check with us on your needs. The cultural method here is to place the base of the bulb in porous compost to 1/4 or 1/3 its depth. Water or sprinkle to keep lightly moist. When roots are approximately 1" long from the new growth, the bulb may be potted and cared for as mature plants. Back bulb propagations will flower in approximately 3 to 4 years.



## CYPRIPEDIUMS

In addition to our large stock of Cymbidiums, we also specialize in Cyripediums, the beautiful Lady Slipper orchids which are becoming so popular both as a cut flower and for the highest class corsage market and by flower growers and garden lovers who admire unusually fine things.



Like Cymbidiums these fine orchids are exceptionally long lasting—it not being unusual for Cyripedium flowers to last 6 or 8 weeks or even longer.

The cultural requirements of Cyripediums follow those of Cymbidiums except that they require more shade. As they have no bulbs, they require somewhat oftener watering, and should never be allowed to become completely dry at the roots. The plain green leaf varieties may be grown outdoors with Cymbidiums; however the mottled leaf varieties require more heat and should have a temperature of 58° or above. Pot grown plants benefit by repotting approximately every 2 years.

Grown in the home, they should be placed in a very light position such as an east, south or west window.

During the hottest part of the year give filtered sun if facing south or west (such as split bamboo affords.)

Potting and fertilizing as with cymbidium.

Our stock of these lovely Orchids includes one of the finest collections of prize winners and high quality proven breeding stock to be found anywhere in the world. A good selection of inexpensive types are available for the commercial grower and also for the amateur or the beginner. No collection should be without a few of these easily grown, long lasting Orchids.

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**Flowering size plants.....from \$4.50**

## DENDROBIUMS

The majority of this large selection are easy to grow and are free flowering as well as long lasting. The beautiful showy flowers are produced in groups of two or three along cane-like pseudo-bulbs, or in racemes of six to fifteen or more from near the top of the growth. Some varieties produce flowers from old as well as new growths, and large plants have produced hundreds of flowers in a single season; a well grown specimen in full flower is a sight never to be forgotten.



Most Dendrobiums flower during the fall, winter and spring months, and come in a wide range of colors and variations through white, lavender, rose, and many beautiful shades of yellow and orange.

## Culture

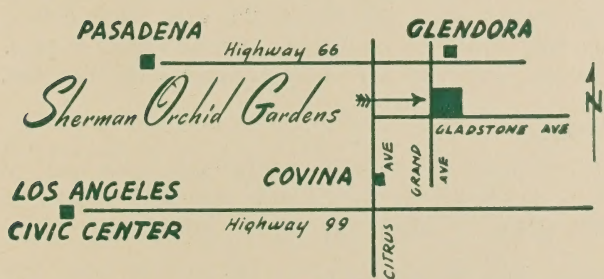
Dendrobiums like a warm humid atmosphere during the growing period, followed by a period of rest, or hardening—during which time, watering is curtailed until the buds appear—following which the watering may be increased. Dendrobiums like plenty of light, and Cattleya house conditions and temperatures are about right. The Nobile section will also do well under cool house conditions—especially where plenty of light is available. Dendrobiums also do well, suspended near the glass and this feature makes these charming orchids an ideal companion to grow along with Cymbidiums, where these plants are grown in the cool glass house. In this way, no bench space is required.

**Flowering size plants.....from \$5.00**

## Other Orchids

Also available, are Cattleya, Vanda, and a good selection of inexpensive hardy Orchids, in varieties to flower at all seasons of the year. Included are varieties of Epidendrum, Laelia, Lycaste, Odontoglossum, Oncidium, Stanhopea, etc.

We invite your inquiry for specific varieties.



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